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A.—(*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Government have not the information asked for : nor is there any report or return from which it could be readily compiled.

(*e*) The power to split up villages and appoint additional karnams is vested by law in the Board of Revenue.

Civil Justice

Relations of the Sarishtadar of Guntur District Court.

*1377 *Q.*—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA : With reference to the answer to question No. 44 answered on 23rd August 1927, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the District Munsif of Gurazala is the brother-in-law of the Sarishtadar of the Guntur District Court?

(*b*) whether there are clerks in Judicial service in the district who are the Sarishtadar's nearest relations ; and

(*c*) whether the Sarishtadar of the Guntur District Court has been in the district for the last five years?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The present Sarishtadar took up his duties on 5th July 1923.

Muhammadan clerks in the Judicial department, Vizagapatam and Ganjam districts.

* 1378 *Q.*—Mr. TAJUDDIN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Muhammadan clerks employed in the Civil Judicial department of Vizagapatam and Ganjam districts ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that there is not a single Muhammadan clerk either in 60 to 80 grade or 80 to 120 grade in the above two districts ;

(*c*) whether there are no qualified Muhammadan clerks to be promoted to these grades in these districts ;

(*d*) whether there are any unpassed non-Muhammadan clerks in the above grades in the two districts ;

(*e*) whether the policy of promoting unpassed and unqualified clerks to the higher grades is still observed in spite of the existence of Muhammadan passed men ; and

(*f*) whether deafness of clerks is taken as a disqualification for promotion to the higher grade?

A.—(*a*) Vizagapatam—Two.
Ganjam—One.

(*b*) The facts are as stated by the hon. Member.

(*c*) Vizagapatam—There are no qualified Muhammadan clerks.
Ganjam—There is one Muhammadan clerk who, though not declared eligible for University courses of study, has passed the Civil and Criminal Judicial Tests.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The answer depends on the degree of deafness and the extent to which the defect will affect the clerk's efficiency in the discharge of a particular kind of duty.

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Communal representation in the Civil Judicial departments of the Madura and Ramnad districts.

* 1379 Q.—Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number of clerks, permanent, acting and temporary, on 1st April 1927, in the Judicial department of each of the districts of Madura and Ramnad on receipt of Rs. 60 and above per mensem classified by communities as Muhammadans, Indian Christians, Brahmans, non-Brahman Hindus and Anglo-Indians?

A.—A statement is appended.[a]

Communal representation in the Civil Judicial department of each district in this Presidency.

* 1380 Q.—Mr. L K. TULASIRAM: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place before the Council a statement giving—

(a) the number of clerks on the 1st *August* 1927 in each district of the Madras Presidency in the Civil Judicial department who have not yet been made *permanent* and who have put in a total service of (1) two years, (2) three years, (3) four years, (4) five years in the department under Government classified by communities;

(b) the number of clerks who were made permanent in the Civil Judicial department in the *Madura* district between 1st August 1927 and 1st November 1927, classified by communities; and

(c) the total number of clerks on the lists of the establishment of Civil Judicial department of each district of the Madras Presidency on 1st *August* 1927 on receipt of Rs. 60 and above per mensem classified as Muhammadans, Indian Christians, Depressed classes, Brahmans and non-Brahman Hindus?

A.—The Government are not satisfied that it is necessary to undertake the labour involved in the process of collecting the information.

Criminal Justice

Rescue homes for women convicted of infanticide.

* 1381 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any proposals under consideration to deal leniently with women convicted of infanticide by sending them to a rescue or any other home instead of committing them to jail;

(b) whether the Government of Bombay have adopted the policy of sending them to the orphanage at Pandharpur instead of committing them to jail; and

(c) whether Government will consider the desirability of introducing that system in this Presidency?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The Government have no information.

(c) The Government propose to communicate with the Government of Bombay on the subject.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on page 224 infra.